

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX

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Public Notice Date: March 23, 2007

Comment Period Closes: May 8, 2007

The U.S. EPA (EPA) is re-issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit CA 0004009 to:

The Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino Waste Water Treatment Plant  
711 Lucky Lane  
Coarsegold, California 93614

EPA had issued a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act for the above referenced action on December 22, 2006. However, due to significant amount of interest expressed during the comment period following December 22, 2006, EPA has decided to re-open the comment period for a further 45 days from the date of this public notice. All written comments received between the close of the previous comment period on January 21, 2007 and the re-opening of this comment period per this public notice will also be accepted for inclusion in the public record by EPA.

EPA has also decided to hold a public workshop followed by a public hearing on this proposal at least 30 days from the date of this public notice. During the workshop, EPA will present the proposal and respond to questions but will not accept oral comments to the administrative record. At the public hearing, a court reporter will be present and any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit for inclusion in the public record. Reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements. The public workshop will be held on April 26, 2007 from 5:00-6:00 pm and the public hearing will immediately follow from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Coarsegold Community Center located at 35610 Highway 41, Coarsegold, CA 93614.

The Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino wastewater treatment plant (hereinafter "Chukchansi WWTP") is a tribally-owned wastewater treatment plant located in Madera County, California. The current Chukchansi WWTP serves a total population of approximately 15,000 residents and visitors and treats wastewater from the various facilities in the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino complex. Currently the plant is designed to treat 170,000 gallons per day (GPD) of wastewater. Treatment is via activated sludge process known as a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) which treats to a secondary level and is followed by a tertiary process capable of producing recycled water that meets the quality requirements promulgated in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22. Currently all treated wastewater is re-used, recycled or disposed of via permitted subsurface leachfields or sprayfield irrigation.

The owner proposes to convert the existing SBR treatment process to an Immersed Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) treatment plant. The MBR will produce a higher quality effluent on a consistent basis compared to the SBR. The design capacity of the MBR facility will be 350,000 GPD. Some of the flow will continue to be re-used, recycled or disposed of via permitted subsurface leachfields or sprayfield irrigation. Additional flow will be discharged to surface water via a discharge point located at Latitude: 37° 12' 49" N and Longitude: 119° 41' 42" W into a creek on Tribal land, which passes to the south of the Chukchansi WWTP, feeding into Coarsegold creek. Coarsegold creek is a tributary to the Fresno River and the San Joaquin River. The applicable water quality standards are specified in the permit and fact sheet and are based on the Water Quality Control Plan for the State of California, Central Valley Region, Water Quality Control Board, as well as Federal water quality standards.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the proposed permit and administrative record, please visit our website or contact:

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